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1. The reply filed on 23 January 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The reply is not fully responsive to paragraph 6 of the previous office.

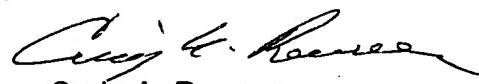
Specifically, the applicant has not responded to the objections set forth in sections (a) and (e) thereof. Moreover, the objections were outlined "by matter of example," therefore the applicant's attention is also directed to line 17 on page 18 of the present specification, wherein a problem similar to that outlined in paragraph 6, section (e), also exists, i.e., in line 17 on page 18, "upper shield 12" should be changed to --upper shield 19--.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig A. Renner whose telephone number is (703) 308-0559. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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